

Executive Council Meeting  
10 December 1974

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1. [ ] of OER briefed the council on his activities as a briefing officer attached to the Treasury Department over the past few years. He reviewed the background of his assignment, and the evaluation of his briefing activities. CIA briefers who have taken on his chores now present a total of 13 briefings daily, five at the cabinet level, three at the subcabinet level and five other bureau directors. He emphasized the advantages both to CIA and to the recipients of personal contact, both as an effective means of disseminating intelligence to major consumers, and of providing feedback to the Agency of the needs and interests of the consumers. He found that his briefing program gradually produced a high degree of receptivity of intelligence among the consumers, and heightened their confidence in the Agency's product. He said that generally the consumers would prefer more analysis and more judgments in the Agency's output. They have considerable confidence in the judgment of the Agency, and don't always need the details leading to those judgments. He said there are still a number of people not being briefed who probably would benefit from this service.

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2. Mr. Proctor distributed two suggestion awards, one for \$75 to [ ] and the other for \$150 to CRS.

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3. Mr. Proctor announced that [ ] will succeed Herb Jenne as chief of CGAS. [ ]

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4. The Murphy Commission is still active, and will be visiting various components of the Agency in pursuing an evaluation of State Department foreign service reporting. They have selected 50 state cables from assorted countries on which they are seeking an Agency evaluation.

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5. Jack Blake of DDA reported that between 1 July and 4 December, [ ] Agency employees have retired. He expects [ ] more to retire in December. This will make a total for Calendar Year 74 of [ ] Agency retirees, about equally divided between CIA retirement system and CSC. Blake also reported statistics on the increasing level of female employment in the US. Forty percent of the active work force is now made up of females. About 60% of new hires throughout the country are females, and 43% of the working age females of the US are now in the labor force.

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6. Mr. Proctor commented on the glitzh in the cost of living statistics, noting that the increase for retired annuitants will be closer to 7.2% than to the 7.4% initially forecast. The glitzh results

from a mistake in recalled used car prices which shifted to a new price in July.

7. Assistant Secretary of Defense Hall has sent a letter to Colby on inactive data systems. He noted that all such systems--including SAFE should be staffed through the IRAC R&D Council.

25X1A 8. Don Chamberlin reported at the Director's morning meeting that [ ] of the IG Staff is unlikely to survive the week.

25X1A 9. Mr. Proctor reported on the PFIAB briefing of last Thursday and Friday. The two-day session was devoted to review of various aspects of the Middle East problem including intelligence collection and production. Mr. Proctor provided a one-half hour overview briefing on Middle East intelligence production. On Friday Mr. Colby spoke to the board which later met with the President. Admiral Anderson offered the President a number of comments resulting from the two-day session. He noted that reporting on economical intelligence was good but that some improvement was needed in collecting economical intelligence. He also felt the committee should look at the way its organized to produce economical intelligence. He noted a need to improve the committee's estimates of missile accuracy. He noted that [ ] ought to be used in estimating agricultural production. Mr. Colby commented to the President that the fact of satellite reconnaissance ought to be declassified. Admiral Anderson also noted that [ ] should be used in agricultural analysis such as [ ] suggested that the DCI should experiment with the "Devil's Advocate" approach to some problems. 25X1A

25X1D 10. Mr. Walsh reported that the Management Committee considered the agenda for the director's meeting with the deputies in February. The committee also introduced a policy of affording wider access internally to histories of agency's components.

25X1 11. In the DDI, [ ] people have indicated their intention to retire by the end of December, [ ] of these on a discontinued service basis. 25X1